

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : Rory Smith  
**Serial No.** : 09/975,841  
**Filed** : October 12, 2001  
**For** : Bandwidth Allocation in a Synchronous  
Transmission Network for Packet Oriented  
Signals  
**Examiner** : Nguyen Ngo  
**Art Unit** : 2616  
**Customer number** : 23644

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 22, 2007**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir,

This is a response to the office action of February 22, 2007.